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To: Chief, FOM

Date: 28 July 1951

From: Chief of Station, Bern

Subject: ☒ - ZAKO Network
Re: BERN-2916

1. Source was seen on 7, 19 and 25 July. Apart from the contents of reference, the following points were discussed:

2. With regard to paragraph h of reference, it might be of interest to add that in reply to our question as to why ZAKO had been in Paris, source gave the information about France and North Africa as though this phase had never been discussed. Only when we pointed out that this version did not jibe with the one he had given us before, he became rather embarrassed and said he had not remembered our previous discussion. He had asked so many questions about the Spanish Government's willingness to accept these wives, and had expressed such serious doubt that it seems hardly possible that source should have completely forgotten that discussion.

3. Although it was not explicitly stated, it seems that ^{Gandy de} ~~DAICZA~~ suggested the possibility of having General ^{Avastina} ~~MAGY~~ run the proposed network. We ourselves have of course no experience with Hungarians but it would seem unlikely that ~~ZAKO~~ would agree to having MAGY as his superior. On the other hand, it seems not feasible to put these two men of same rank (in a military sense, and we are sure they cannot agree on that aspect) on an equal footing - especially since they so far seem not to have collaborated and probably consider each other as competitors.

4. Source told us that he had asked his friend Andre COLAY (ISBA-3068) to look up the ZAKO file and see how the latter's Swiss transit visa had been procured. COLAY came up with the information that it had been granted upon the request of Col. Robert FRICK, who had sent Lt. Charles SCHALK (USD-1115) to take care of the formalities. This young man is indeed the one who works for the SAUBATIER PAPER COMPANY. COLAY then went a step further and suggested to SCHALK that he get in touch with source since the latter wanted to discuss some Hungarian matters with him. About two weeks ago SCHALK called on source, and according to the latter, they had a very pleasant chat, with SCHALK explaining that Colonel FRICK had known ZAKO slightly and helped him on occasion to get visas. The question comes up, of course, whether it was a good idea for source to go ahead on his own and make this contact. By the time we heard of it, it had all been done and although we questioned source in detail as to the conclusions SCHALK might draw on source's status, there was no point in calling

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him down or blowing the matter up out of proportion. Source himself is convinced that he said or did nothing to arouse SCHALK's suspicions, and that it would be perfectly natural for him, as a Hungarian, to talk about other Hungarians, especially since the contact was established through the intermediary of a Swiss official.

5. Source gave us the attached list of the main representatives abroad of General ZAKO. If any of the addressees has any information which might be of interest, he would appreciate receiving it.

6. With regard to Franz ORBAN (PSBA-3129, etc.) it has just come to our attention that he and his wife are applying for American immigration visas. Vital statistics are as follows: Franz ORBAN, born 6 March 1904, at Hodmezovasarhely, Hungary; Flouché ORBAN, nee SZOMBATHALMI, born 21 June 1918 at Nagyvárad, Hungary. Their present address is Forchstrasse 143, Zurich.

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